What is claimed is:

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1. A magnetic read/write system, in which a fixed MR head serves to read magnetically recorded data from a magnetic recording medium as it operates at a relative speed of 2.0 to 5.0m/s with respect to the magnetic recording medium comprising a non-magnetic support and a magnetic layer, wherein a fatty acid ester represented by general formula (I):

$$C_2H_5-CH-COO-R^2$$

where R' is a hydrocarbon having 4 or less carbons, and R' is a straight-chain hydrocarbon having 12 or more carbons, exists between a read element of the MR head and the magnetic layer.

- 2. The magnetic read/write system according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic recording medium comprising:
 - a non-magnetic supports;

a magnetic layer containing a ferromagnetic powder and a binder resin, the magnetic layer formed over the non-magnetic support and having a dry thickness of 0.5 µm; and

a non-magnetic layer containing a non-magnetic powder and a binder resin, the non-magnetic layer interposed between the non-magnetic support and the magnetic layer, the non-magnetic layer containing as a lubricant said fatty acid ester and a fatty acid having 12 or more carbons.

- A magnetic recording medium comprising:
 a non-magnetic support;
- a magnetic layer containing a ferromagnetic powder and a binder resin, the magnetic layer formed over the non-magnetic support and having a dry thickness of 0.5μm; and

a non-magnetic layer containing a non-magnetic powder and a binder resin, the non-magnetic layer interposed between the non-magnetic support and the magnetic layer, the non-magnetic layer containing as a lubricant a fatty acid ester represented by general formula (I):

$$C_2H_5$$
-CH-COO- R^2

where R¹ is a hydrocarbon having 4 or less carbons, and R² is a straight-chain hydrocarbon having 12 or more carbons, and a fatty acid having 12 or more carbons.